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# Sketches

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Artwork by Les Scott,  
scratch artist

(Gallery show 22 April;  
details on LCAL Facebook)





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Official Newsletter of Your Lake County Art League

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## Watercolor Portraiture Demo, Ken Call

Live at 17 April Meeting

*"Even after 20 years as an illustrator I kept coming back to my true passion in art -- portraits."*

**Ken Call** ([website](#)) was born and raised in Rochelle, about 70 miles west of downtown Chicago. He graduated from the American Academy of Art in 1980, studied in Paris 15 years later, and now lives in Northbrook with his wife, Tammy, and his 2 children.

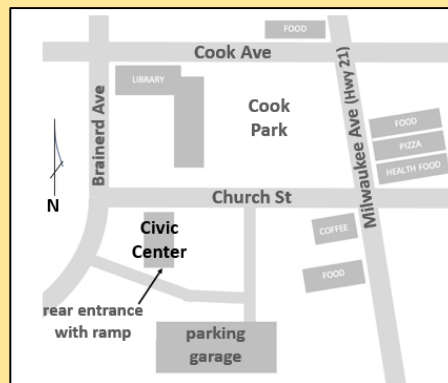
Starting as a studio artist, Ken branched out on his own and enjoys a successful freelance career. Through art school and his early years as an illustrator, Ken was encouraged to paint in different mediums and styles. He settled on watercolor because its "spontaneity and flow fit my personality and style." Lately, Ken has transitioned to fine art and portraiture, and has Signature status in the American Watercolor Society and the Transparent Watercolor Society of America.

Daily Herald wrote that last winter, the Northbrook Arts Commission, along with the Northbrook Public Library, hosted a solo exhibition of Ken's work. "In creating these pieces, Call stated, 'the one thing that comes to mind before anything else is the play of light, indoors or out, which defines and creates a mood.'"

- **Preview Ken's technique** on an 85-minute video recorded for Lakes Region Watercolor Guild ([YouTubeVideo](#)).
- The demo will also be available on YouTube sometime after the meeting.

### The LCAL 17 April Meeting

Location: Libertyville Civic Center basement. See map below.  
(Note: Church St. is ¼ mile north of Hwy 176)



The elevator is not working but a ramp is available at the back entrance (see map).

More important entry details at:

[video directions](#)



## Acrylic Paint Supply Raffle

At 17 April Meeting



A detail from Jack's last entry  
in one of LCAL's shows

If you paint with acrylics, come to our in-person meeting at the Libertyville Civic Center on April 17 and enter our raffle for acrylic paints!

The paints, generously donated for the raffle by Sharon Kordt, belonged to her late husband, Jack. Although the paints are not brand new, they include many good tubes.

We thank Sharon for the donation and assure her that Jack will certainly be remembered by our artists who paint with his acrylics!

You can purchase raffle tickets for \$1 each or \$5 for 10 tickets. There will be 2 drawings: the winning ticket from the 1<sup>st</sup> drawing will be reentered into the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

So bring some cash \$\$\$, have some fun!  
Take some chances to remember Jack!

All proceeds will go into our league's general fund.

## 2023 LCAL and Phoebe Boyd \$500 Scholarships for Emerging Artists



Starting Thurs., April 13, 2023, the 42nd Annual College of Lake County (CLC) Student Art Competition will take place.

This is a juried exhibition of classwork from CLC fine art and digital media and design majors, created during their 2022/2023 semesters. A range of art will be celebrated including drawing, painting, design, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design, and animation. The art will be displayed from April 13 to May 6.

The competition kicks off April 13 with a reception at the Robert T Wright Gallery on the CLC Grayslake Campus from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.

All LCAL members and their families and friends are invited to the reception and to the subsequent art show.

Awards to be presented at the reception:

- 4 merit awards
- 4 honorable mention awards
- A CLC Gallery purchase award
- Awards for emerging artists:
  - **The LCAL scholarship (\$500)**
  - The Phoebe Boyd Scholarship (\$500)

Visitors can park at the main school entrance or in any student parking lot.

For additional information, visit [Wright Gallery](#).

Images copied from the Wright Gallery website.



## “Why We Do Art: Our Experiences and Thoughts” Recalling a Sep 2017 show at Jack Benny Center, Waukegan

*This show was designed to be a celebration of experiences that are difficult to explain.  
“It’s a very personal, miscellaneous thing unbounded by rules, not limited to visual images, not limited to something that can be hung by a wire, and not even limited to your own work.... It does not need to be profound.”*

About 15% of our art league members entered this small display of photos, paintings, poetry, and a memory or two. Each was asked to display written experiences and thoughts. Some of these artists have since passed away, and others have moved on in their artistic journeys, but they left genuine insights and memories that will remain with us for a long time.

These next pages display their insights (edited for brevity).

### **Skip Wiese** (live-sketch class)

"I paint portraits often, but when I paint for myself, I ask questions like how can I say something different? In this painting of Jen, I simplified the shapes and added patterns for variety. My color choices created excitement and a modern feeling. Having been a fashion illustrator, brighter colors come naturally to me. I enjoy this concept of painting and find it relaxing in this hustle/bustle life."

### **Carole Otis**

(on her book of poetry)  
“It gives to others while it sustains me.”

### **Mary Haas**

"I paint so I can see the world in a different way. I practice living in the moment, and finding beauty in surprising places."

### **Jerry Hosten**

“My reasons for painting have been art appreciation, fun, to meet like-minded persons.”

### **Jeff Harold**

“It’s that search for just the right moment and place to create a wonderful image that keeps me thinking about photography every day. But it’s not the end image that is the most helpful to me, but the journey that is the creative process.”

### **Tom Asma**

"Drawing, painting, colored pencils. Art has been part of my life since childhood. It's a necessity, a compulsion, a refuge and a great time warp."



## “Why We Do Art: Our Experiences and Thoughts”, cont.

### Linda Rodriguez

“Sleep and peaceful meditation are often overlooked aspects of our mental health. To tap into our creativity, we need time to think and reflect on the world around us.”

### Thom Kapheim

“I am the conduit, the observer, the commentator. And to communicate these things, form, content and individuality must be orchestrated seamlessly and authentically.”

### Mary Neely

“I create art because I must.  
I can't help it!”

### Pat King

(hike by roaring river in Rocky Mountain National Park)  
“The smell of the forest along the edges of the river banks, the sound of water splashing on awesome boulders, the smell of the clean fresh air. These peaked emotions not experienced in Waukegan where I was born and raised. As I stood there and absorbed the beauty, I couldn't wait to get it all down in watercolor back home.”

### Val Brandner

“The beauty of abstract art is that the viewer decides what the piece means. Some might cry. Others might laugh. Some might just shake their head and say “What the heck?” The point is that an abstract piece can bring many different emotions -- happy, sad, confused or something else, but they will evoke some emotion in you.”

### Tobi Abrams

(painting helped with the loss of her husband)  
“My devotion to my art has been and continues to be my life-saving force. I felt that this was a great sign from God to go on with my art, enjoy myself, enjoy the honor, and try to not miss my husband as much as I did.”

### Chris Tanner

(sketching an impoverished subsistence fisherman)  
“The value to the artist and subject is immeasurable. Experts tell us that the economic and opportunity divide in the USA is widening, and current news stresses us as individuals and as a nation. Our art can bridge divides, if only a little. It can ease a lot of stresses.”



## “Why We Do Art: Our Experiences and Thoughts”, cont.

### Jackie Hayes

“I do art because of the pleasure to create something new, different and of my own. ... Now that I am retired, it brings a satisfaction, a joy to my life. I feel I am doing something important when I can capture a look or a moment of beauty that I can share with others. I love mixing and spreading the colors. Time flies when I paint. I am completely immersed in what I am doing. Aches and pains and age are forgotten.”

### Michael McConville

“When we look at Impressionists and Post-Impressionists like Monet, Degas, Renoir, Toulouse, Cassette and others, they were recording their worlds. This is what I do. I translate the world that I see. I record the beauty, the reality of that world. ... They recorded moments in their world. I record the moments of nature.”

### Doris Monti

“I do art is because it is in my blood, because I've spent most of my life doing art, because I enjoy it, and because it defines and informs me. While some of my work is lighthearted, representational of nature or studies of the human form, the element of thought-provoking narratives comes into play in other pieces. In these narratives I've attempted to portray dedication, expectations, disappointment, obsession, depression, self-improvement, aging, vulnerability, grief, the human connection and endurance. Sharing these and other ideas or experiences is to inform me as well as the viewer.”

### Becky Schwarz

“To me art is like a puzzle or game. I like the puzzle. And these solutions leave many different possibilities, depending on my feeling at the time. I start to work and am lost to the rest of the world. My thoughts are only for one of the best solutions to this particular puzzle. The puzzle most generally for me is some close-up still life or plant form.”



## Reminders

**The David Becker Watercolor Workshop** that was scheduled for 15 & 16 April (Sat & Sun) 8:30am to 4:00pm, in Antioch, **has been cancelled** due to a conflict in David's schedule. This workshop will be rescheduled for later this year.

### Upcoming LCAL 2022-23 Schedule

**Now – 15 May, 2023**

"Come and Go" Spring Membership Show  
Waukegan Jack Benny Center

**Mon 17 Apr 2023, 7pm-9pm**

Very 1<sup>st</sup> live and broadcast meeting &  
demo at Libertyville Civic Center

**Mon 15 May 2023, 7pm-9pm**

Live meeting/critique at  
Waukegan Jack Benny Center

**Mon 19 Jun 2023, 7pm-9pm**

Live meeting/demo at Gurnee Viking Park  
(Jack Benny Center in wet-weather)



# Lake County Art League 2023 Spring Membership Show

Concluding Critique May 15, 6-8:00 pm  
at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan, IL



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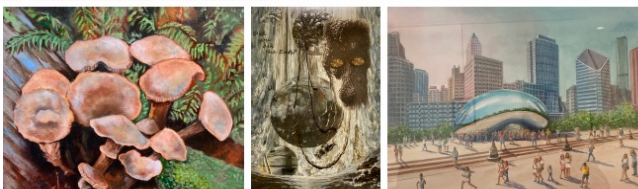
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- 1 'Swimming with the Sharks' acrylic \$200  
Leslie Nauta [nautateam@comcast.net](mailto:nautateam@comcast.net)
- 2 'The Spirit of St. Louis' acrylic NFS  
Tom Asma [tomasma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomasma@sbcglobal.net)
- 3 '10612' oil \$400  
Val Brandner [isketchit@yahoo.com](mailto:isketchit@yahoo.com)
- 4 'Skokie Lagoons' pastels NFS  
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- 5 'Colorado White Birch' watercolor \$250  
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- 6 'In the Woods' watercolor \$125  
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- 7 'Frosty Dawn' oil \$385  
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- 8 'Sitting Still' acrylic \$800  
Thom Kapheim [tkapheim@gmail.com](mailto:tkapheim@gmail.com)
- 9 'Souvenir Sellers' watercolor \$275  
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### The Lake County Art League year:

Meets Sep through Jun, 7-9:00 pm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon as follows:

Jan, Feb, sometimes Mar	Virtual: eliminates winter nighttime driving / takes advantage of technology / see artist demos / meet prominent artists from across the country
Sep, Oct, Jan-Jun	Include presentations, usually a demonstration
Nov, May	Closing critiques for fall and spring membership shows
Dec	Holiday break

### Newsletters

After Dec, newsletters are sent only occasionally to members who have not paid their dues.

### Be on the Lookout!

If you see a new way to bring fine art to Lake County, or you know how to improve the advantages of membership, please share that by contacting one of the members listed to the right.

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